



Arbutus (Arbie) Knella Ellison, age 86, of Clawson, Michigan died peacefully and with family at her side on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Suncoast Hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida. She was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on May 4, 1931 to the late Walter and Gladys (Schofield) Porter. Arbutus graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1949 and married Robert Baines Ellison on December 2, 1950. Together they happily and lovingly raised their three children in Clawson. They were married for 51 years until Bob preceded her in death in 2001.

She worked at Maple Lane Florist in Clawson during the 1980s and for Prime Care in Southfield during the 1990s. Upon retirement Arbie and Bob loved spending their winters in Indian Shores, Florida.

Family was the center of Arbutus' life. She was very creative and had a natural talent for decorating and design. She also enjoyed gardening, needlework, reading and traveling. In recent years she especially liked knitting scarves and donating them to those in need.

Arbutus is survived by her children Shellie Ellison (Erik Frosh) of Munising, MI, Susan Ellison-Denis (Patrick Denis) of Noblesville, IN and Robb (Vikki) Ellison of Anchorage, AK; grandsons Joel (Laura) Denis, Evan (Lindsey) Denis and Karl (Lauren) Frosh; greatgrandchildren Jordan, Isaac, Jacob and Gabriel; sisters Pauline (Jim) Cahill, Geraldine (Bob) Pasquinelli and brother Steve (Linda) Porter, as well as many, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Arbutus was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Gwendolyn Dennis, Winifred Cruickshank, and brother Ivan (Shod) Porter.

Visitation with family will be Friday, May 18, 2018 at Gramer Funeral Home, 705 N. Main Street, Clawson, MI from 5:00-8:00PM.

Memorial Service will be Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11:00AM at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 1434 E. 13 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI where she was a member.

Arbutus will be interred with the love of her life, Robert, at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 2:30PM.

In lieu of flowers the family would like to honor Arbutus by using donations to purchase a public bench for the beach in Indian Shores, FL. Checks may be written out to Shellie M. Ellison. All donations in excess will be given to the Clawson Public Library.